

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-29-99

Issued at Haines, September 13, 1999

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Thursday, September 16, 1999

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Friday,
October 15, 1999. Unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the sport fishing closure in all waters flowing into Chilkoot Lake and as well as the sockeye salmon spawning areas in Chilkoot Lake to sport fishing (EO 1-22-99). This emergency order also extends the closure in Chilkoot Lake and River to retention of sockeye salmon (EO 1-13-99). These regulations will remain in effect through October 15, 1999.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022 (18) and (19) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

(1) 5 AAC 47.022 WATER	SEASON AND BAG LIMIT						SPECIAL PROVISIONS
	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Trout/ Steelhead	Dolly Varden	Halibut/ Lingcod	Other Fish/Shell fish	
(18) CHILKOOT LAKE inlet streams	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed		Closed	Bait may be used from January 1 through December 31. ¹ Fishing is prohibited in sockeye salmon spawning areas (within posted buoyed areas) of Chilkoot Lake. In the remainder of Chilkoot Lake and River, sockeye salmon may not be possessed or retained; all sockeye salmon must be released immediately. These restrictions are in effect through October 15. Only 2 coho salmon 16 inches or more in length daily and possession. The possession limit for all other salmon is 1 bag limit.
(19) CHILKOOT LAKE AND RIVER	Closed	1D ¹	1L ¹ , 1R ¹	1H ¹		1S ¹	

JUSTIFICATION:

The return of sockeye salmon to Chilkoot Lake is well below the escapement goal (52,500-91,500). By September 12th, only 19,150 sockeye salmon had been counted through the Chilkoot River weir. This is well below the average of 54,463 sockeye salmon over the past ten years by this date. Restrictions were implemented on the commercial fishery to protect sockeye returning to this drainage. The sport fishery in Chilkoot Lake and River was closed to retention of sockeye salmon on June 17th and sockeye salmon spawning areas were closed to sport fishing on July 16th. Sockeye salmon are still being counted through the Chilkoot River weir and department personnel have observed fresh sockeye moving onto the spawning grounds in the past week. The restrictions are being extended through October 15th to minimize catch and release mortality of sockeye salmon spawning in the drainage.

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